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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Dear Landowner:

The Shasta River TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Action Plan became State law on January 26, 2007, and established new requirements to improve water quality and stream conditions for beneficial uses including habitat for salmon and steelhead trout.

The Action Plan contains measures for improving water quality in the Shasta River and asks that all landowners in the Shasta River watershed who graze livestock or irrigate their land submit their first annual progress report to the North Coast Water Board by September 1, 2008. Landowners can choose one of the following two options to complete the reporting requirements:

- 1) You may report individually or collectively through the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District;
- 2) You may report individually or collectively directly to the North Coast Water Board.

Workshops:

In cooperation with the Shasta Valley RCD, staff of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board will be holding two TMDL compliance workshops on August 21, 2008. Information about the workshops and frequently asked questions are enclosed. Additional TMDL background is also available on our website:
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/>).

You will be automatically covered by the Shasta Valley TMDL waiver from the Water Board for TMDL compliance activities by completing the enclosed Letter of Intent and sending it to our office by September 1, 2008. No fees are involved.

We encourage all landowners to complete and file the Letter of Intent by September 1st, for coverage under the Shasta Valley TMDL waiver. Landowners that do not file a Letter of Intent will be required to apply for an individual permit and pay an annual fee.

If you would like to receive technical assistance or suggestions about best management practices that will help you to comply with the TMDL requirements, we encourage you to

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contact the Shasta Valley RCD or the Yreka Field Office of the Natural Resource Conservation Service. You may also contact Andy Baker of the Water Board at (707) 576-2690 for further information about TMDL requirements and compliance, technical support, or other assistance.

Sincerely,

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

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Attachment:

1. Information on Workshop
2. FAQ
3. Letter of Intent
4. Properties Form